

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hart, et al. Confirmation No.: 4332  
Serial No.: 10/551,542 Examiner: Alexander, Reginald  
Filed: September 29, 2005 Art Unit: 3742  
For: Funnel Blocking Apparatus and Method of Use

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

Barnes & Thornburg Customer No:  
**23644**  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office